

STOREKEEPER FORCE NOTES

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Recent Happenings in the Rating

During last quarter, I attended annual SK conferences, made unit visits and stopped in at the Unified Command Center for Deepwater Horizon in New Orleans. I enjoyed all visits. I enjoyed the dialogue and really like hearing what is on your mind. And you all had a lot to say, some were rumors (where do these rumors come from) that I like to hear as well.

We now have a new Property Management Manual. SKCM Garcia provided a link later in the notes.

I heard from many of you that there was a FPD performance issue. I immediately ran the issue up the FLAGPOLE to RDML Taylor. RDML Taylor along with Captain Rose and his staff at FINCEN were able to rectify the issue. This was a TEAM effort by all
THANKS!

The new SK1 rate training course is published and is available for ordering from the CG Institute. Completion of the new version (version 0148-2) is required for participation in the May 2011 Active Duty and Oct 2011 Reserve SWE cycles. Those that have already passed the previous SK1 EOCT (version 0148-1) are exempted from completing the new course; however I encourage you to study the new course to maintain currency.

Strikers you have till 1 January 2011 to complete all requirements to have your name placed on the striker advancement list. Reference ALCOAST MSG 333/10 for more details.

I reduced the number of striker advancements from 3 to 2 per month.

SK-A school wait list is greater than 24 months. Reference ALCGENLMSG 093/10.

My next notes, I will have an updated number on how many of you that don't have competency codes assigned in DA. Currently the system is down where I retrieve that information. Last notes the number was 403. I hope to see that number decrease. You may learn more about our competencies and what competency codes are available by clicking on the link below. Query the system and search for our 9 competency codes that begin with SK.

COMPETENCY DICTIONARY

<https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/competency-management-systems/library>

Currently there is a Training Requirements Analysis (TRA) on FPD. This analysis is to determine what the training should include and how best deliver it. I'll keep you posted as this moves forward.

The solicitation MSG for my relief is gone out and closed. We are now in the selection phase. My relief should be named by the end November.

2M MTR Program,

The Coast Guard operates an enhanced Electronics repair program called Miniature Microminiature (2M) and Module Test Repair (MTR). This program increases the capabilities of Electronics Technicians through the troubleshooting and repair of Circuit Cards at the unit level. 2M MTR technicians are able to run a comparison scan on suspected faulty circuit cards against the MTR database software and determine if the suspect card is broken or not. If the card is found to be faulty, it can be repaired on site by the 2M Technicians. MTR and 2M technicians are typically Weapons ET but many ET's have the required certifications.

This program's benefits are enormous. Some of these are: savings of unit funds improved Operational Availability, (Ao) and reduced wasted logistical man hours.

How does this apply to Store Keepers? If you serve aboard a certified 2M MTR site (All 378's, 270s, NESU/WAT's and some ESD's), then this program is already in place at your unit. Utilization of the program is being strengthened and better formalized. Starting in 2011, the Assessment Inspection team (formally MLC Compliance team) and ATG CART inspections will start to verify your unit's utilization of the program. In addition data will be pulled from NAVSUP and cross checked with unit quarterly reports (MTR Technicians responsibility to report) to verify exactly how many cards a unit is ordering that were NOT screened (missed savings opportunities).

From the SK prospective simply ensure that a circuit card was verified to see if it is supported by the MTR software. This is done by the EM or ET bringing the card to the MTR Technician (Weapon ET's) for verification. If it is supported in the MTR database software, then the circuit card should enter the screening and repair process immediately. If the MTR technicians say the card is not supported then the circuit card should be procured via usual means.

Sometimes even if a Circuit card is verified as not supported by the MTR software it CAN STILL BE FIXED! Some casualties afford the 2M MTR Technicians opportunity to determine if they can repair the card without use of the MTR software, saving the man hours involved with ordering the card. If the MTR Technician determines the unsupported circuit card cannot be repaired order the card as normal.

The operation of the program is similar to that of HAZMAT. You cannot order Hazmat unless the Hazmat Officer approves it. You should not order a circuit card unless the MTR Technician checks to see if the card is supported by the MTR software.

Units are encouraged to develop local forms to track screened cards. For any follow up questions please contact the 2M and MTR Liaisons:

2M: ETCS Donahue David.donahue@uscg.mil

MTR: ETCS Letourneau Kelly.M.Letourneau@uscg.mil

Storekeeper "A" School- SKCM Wayne Garcia

SK "A" School has its own "Team Wiki" page in CG Portal and the majority of questions about SK "A" School can be addressed in this Wiki. Most Storekeepers have access to the Wiki already, but non-rated personnel need to request access from SKC Corey Sidlo.

<https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/sk-a-school/welcome>

Two important manuals have recently been updated, the U.S. Coast Guard Personal Property Management Manual, COMDTINST M4500.5b (August 2010) and the U.S. Coast Guard Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) Manual COMDTINST M4200.13H (May 2010) and they can be found at the below websites.

U. S. Coast Guard Personal Property Management Manual

http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/4000-4999/CIM_4500_5B.pdf

Intranet version: <http://cgweb2.comdt.uscg.mil/CGDirectives/>

Internet version: <http://www.uscg.mil/directives>

CGPortal: <http://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/Satellite/CG612>

The U.S. Coast Guard Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) Manual

<http://cgweb2.comdt.uscg.mil/CGDirectives/search.asp>

http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/CGDirectives/cim/cim_4200_13h.pdf

The Centralized Supply (CS) Course has relocated from TRACEN Yorktown to TRACEN Petaluma. This course is designed to train Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel to meet the requirements of CS as stated in the Supply Policy and Procedures Manual, COMDTINST M4400.19 and provides students with the skills to perform the everyday tasks that will be required of them while stationed at a CS unit.

This five day course includes, CMplus System Administration, Inventory/Material Management, Physical Inventory, Initial Request Processing, Creating Orders, Military Standard Requisitioning & Issue Procedures (MILSTRIP), Supply Status & Material Obligation Validation (MOV), Receipt Processing, Mandatory Turn-In, Repairable (MTI) and Depot Level Repairable (DLR), Selected Item Management (SIM) Reports, Material Identification, and Supplier Information.

The CS quota for FY11 has increased so if it's been over two years since you attended and you're going to a unit using CMPlus, submit a STTR. We look forward to having you onboard!

TRACEN Petaluma CS course dates FY11:

Convening Dates

Facility Name	Start Date	End Date	Session #
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	10/4/2010	10/8/2010	94
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	12/6/2010	12/10/2010	95
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	1/3/2011	1/7/2011	96
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	2/28/2011	3/4/2011	97
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	4/25/2011	4/29/2011	98
CG TRACEN PETALUMA	6/20/2011	6/24/2011	99

In addition to attending available CS "C" Schools there are also upcoming Basic FPD classes and RECON classes with quotas available.

Below are the direct links to each of the school schedules:

http://www2.tracenpetaluma.com/tqc/cschool_selectC.asp?c=16&cc=500254

http://www2.tracenpetaluma.com/tqc/cschool_selectC.asp?c=16&cc=501172

http://www2.tracenpetaluma.com/tqc/cschool_selectC.asp?c=16&cc=501174

Assignment Officer - CWO3 Mitzie Robinson

Assignment Year 2011

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a successful close-out!

Assignment Year 2010 (AY10) has officially come to a close. I am in the process of validating the AY11 shopping list. During the career counseling phase of the assignment season (15June-31August) I conducted over 300 career counseling sessions, and had the opportunity to meet with 250+ Storekeepers while conducting roadshows and at the Annual SK Conferences. Please note that the time for career counseling has passed, so if you need to contact me please coordinate with your Command Representative.

In accordance with ALCGENL 089/10, I am working with commands to validate the shopping list. If you are filling out your e-resume, you will notice that positions will be added and deleted until the validation deadline on 08OCT10. On 09OCT10 the shopping list will be authenticated in Direct Access and you can begin submitting e-resumes using the most up to date job information. I would encourage you to check positions prior to the submission deadline as additional positions may be added pending budget, unit DECOMS and the CRSP results. The deadline for final E-resume submission is 26 Nov 10. Any changes to your E-resume after the deadline may not be taken into consideration as I do not have the ability to stop slating to accommodate E-resume change requests. Please be reminded that if you need to contact me please coordinate with your Command Representative.

My contact information is as follows: 202-493-1288 (work) 703-254-4525 (work cell)

Direct Access:

I encourage you to update your personal information in Direct Access with your current home & cell phone numbers and e-mail address. I will often make phone calls after hours if I am unable to reach you during the day.

Assignment Extensions:

Extensions are assignment decisions. I must work through the assignment process to determine if an extension can be granted. For members requesting a second extension, the extension will be granted only if no other member desires your position. Of course, these are general guidelines and are subject to the detailer's discretion. Approved extensions, just like any other orders, will be made available in your PeopleSoft airport terminal.

Special Needs Program:

I recommend prior to submitting your e-resume you contact your FAS/FRS to ensure your needs can be met in the geographic area(s) you are requesting.

The Special Needs program ensures that members having dependents with a verified special need are assigned to a geographic area in which the need can be addressed. The specifics of the Special Needs Program are outlined in COMDTINST M1754.7A. I will communicate with the Work-Life Staff to ensure that members enrolled in the Special Needs Program are assigned in an area that their special needs can be addressed. I must reemphasize, this program does not guarantee a specific unit or assignment; it only ensures the assignment is in an acceptable area. Furthermore, I do not discuss specific assignments with the Work-Life staff. If you are enrolled in the special needs program,

list only positions/units that are located in areas that can address your needs. Your active collaboration with the local Work-Life staff is encouraged to ensure that only acceptable areas are listed on the E-Resume.

Obligated Service Associated with Orders:

Members are required to obligate service (OBLISERV) within 05 days. The OBLISERV policy is as follows:

- Members having less than 6 years of active service and assigned INCONUS must obligate service equal to full tour length
- Members having more than 6 years of active service and assigned INCONUS must obligate 1 year of service.
- Members assigned OUTCONUS must obligate service equal to full tour length.

Retirement (RILO) or Separation in Lieu of Orders:

Retirement eligible members (> 20 years active duty) in receipt of orders may request retirement in lieu of orders. The member must request the RILO within 05 days of receiving PCS orders. If the retirement request is approved, the member will be retired by 01Aug of the current year. Approval is based on service need.

Members on indefinite reenlistments (> 10 years of active service) and in receipt of orders may request separation in lieu of orders. A separation request must be submitted to EPM within 05 days of receiving PCS orders. If the separation request is approved, the member will be separated from the service of receiving PCS orders within three months of receiving PCS orders. Approval is based on service need.

In closing, I encourage the use of your supervisors for career and assignment counseling. In most cases, your supervisors have been where you are now, have asked the same questions or had the same concerns as you now have. Additional detailed information is provided in PERSMAN Chapter 4.

Individual Development Plan (IDP), if you're required to have one on file please do so. If you're not sure what is required of you ask your Chain of Command.

Personnel Service Center, Advancement

The below link provides a one stop shop for all Advancement Announcements, List ,SWE Statistics and associated quick links to Advancement related issues.

<http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/adv.htm>

Unofficial CG Transcripts on CG Institute Website

If you don't already know, that our own CG Institute completed an Unofficial CG Transcript for each Enlisted Rating, from E-2 (Recruit training) to CWO2 and they have them posted on the CG Institute Website.

They provide a great summary at each level of the College Credits our enlisted members have earned by virtue of their advancement (Military Experiential Learning Credit), completion of A School and PQG's (Military Training Credit).

Each of them can be viewed at the Institute Website under Voluntary Education > Rating Road Maps or just click on following link:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cgi/ve/roadmaps/roadmaps.asp>

As of OCT 10.

Retirements					
2010	SKCM	SKCS	SKC	SK1	Totals
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October			1		1
November			1	1	2
December			6	1	7
Total	0	0	8	2	10

These are active duty retirement requests that have been submitted. I know of no one who tracks future retirements for Reservists. Remember that a retirement is not a guarantee of advancement. Changes in the allowance list and out of rate personnel and other issues may affect actual advancement opportunities.

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January					
February					
March					
April					
May				1	1
June					
July					
August				2	2
September		1		3	4
October	1			1	2
November	2				2
December			1		1
Total	3	1	1	7	12

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E-PME INFO

Did you know that E-PME qual **8.03-P** needs to be sent to the Rating Force Master Chief? If you e-mail me your recommendations, I will send a reply e-mail for you to use as completion confirmation for your supervisor to sign off the qual.

TRAINING INFORMATION

all requests for training must be completed in Direct Access; you will not receive orders if you do not complete the ETR. The ETR must include specific justification for requesting these classes. The following document contains info on SK Related Courses. Go to TQC website, there you will find convening dates for each course by clicking on the "C" School Schedules, and selecting the category. Most of the courses are under Procurement and Engineering. You should also familiarize yourself with the Master Training list located in COMDTINST M3502.4 (series), which lists required training for



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I appreciate those that send me articles of interest. If you have an article please send it to me for future submission.

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